

(a) whether they have issued any order in or about the year 1089 prohibiting the registry of lands in the Cardamom Hills of Devicolum Division except to Travancoreans and, if so, whether that order is still kept in force :

(b) whether there is a subsequent order of Government in 1096 prohibiting the registry of lands in that area to any individual ;

(c) whether any lands have been registered in the name of any person after that date, and if so, who those registry holders are ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that many of the Travancoreans who were in possession and occupation of lands in that area, were evicted by the taluk authorities in pursuance of Government orders and that such lands are now being allowed to be in the occupation of foreigners or outsiders and that the taluk authorities do not take any steps against the latter for eviction ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI : (*Secretary to Government*) :

(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. Since the issue of G. O. Dis. No. 441/21/Rev., dated 20-4-1921, an extent of 2791.47 acres has been brought under registry, 720.40 acres in the names of Travancoreans and 2071.07 acres in the names of Non-Travancoreans and

(d) No.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : May I know for what purpose the lands were registered ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI : For cardamom cultivation.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : May I know whether any duty is imposed upon cardamom cultivation by Government ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI : I claim notice.

Grants for the maintenance of stud bulls.

47. MR. M. N. NARAYANA MENON (*Kottayam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have adopted any principle in giving grants for the maintenance of stud bulls ;

(b) the number of applications received, granted and rejected last year ; and

(c) the number of applications received and the number granted this year ?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : (a) Yes. Only such bulls as are declared fit for purposes of breeding by a competent Veterinary Officer are given grants.

(b) 47, 15 and 32.

(c) 63 and 15.

Enquiry regarding the proceedings of the Managing Board of the Nagercoil People's Co-operative Bank, Ltd.

48. *MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI (*Tovala cum Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(a) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies went on tour to Nagercoil to enquire into a reference made in connection with the proceedings of the Managing Board of the Nagercoil People's Co-operative Bank, Ltd., No. 386;

(b) whether the subject matter of the enquiry was referred to the Managing Board for their remarks;

(c) whether without the report of the Board he passed an ex-parte order;

(d) whether as a result of such order all except three resigned as a mark of their protest;

(e) whether a special general body meeting was called for to consider the matter;

(f) whether the general body reinstated all those who resigned; and

(g) whether the Registrar proposes to take any further action on the matter?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) to (f) Yes.

(g) The matter has been satisfactorily settled.

Muslims and the Education Department.

49. *MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the previous representation made at the 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th Sessions of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly (*vide* Subjects Nos. 160, 148, 143, 156 and 145, respectively) to appoint qualified Mahomedans as teachers in the Vernacular and English High Schools of the State to popularise education among the Muslims;

(b) how many appointments since then were made in the Education Department and how many of them are Mahomedans;

(c) whether they are aware that the additional leisure hour granted on Friday to Mahomedan students in the Government High, Schools and Colleges as per para 9 of G. O. 1989, dated 31st May 1919 and Government letter No. E. 2690/349 of 14, dated the 2nd July 1920, has not been loyally observed by the Education Department; and if so, what action they have taken in the matter?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Deputy Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) Qualified Mahomedans have been preferred for appointment in the department whenever possible.

(b) Statement is laid on the table.

(c) Government understand that the concession has been freely granted in all institutions whenever the Mahomedan pupils ask for it.